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'Christmas' 1962

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...AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
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A Christmas thought by a teenager HAVE WE FORGOTTEN ?

When Christmas came to Bethlehem so many
years ago
The way seemed soft and silent over
sleeping hills and
Only doves and donkeys waited, one bright
star glowed overhead,
While the little Baby Christ Child lay
under a manger bed.
Yet shepherds on the hillside heard the
radiant angels sing,
And hastened to the stable and the manger
of the King.
Yet wise men of the Orient laid aside
their pomp and pride
To cross the barren desert and worship
at his side.

Although so lowly Bethlehem the great
gift softly gave,
No herald cry of trumpets, no shouting
His dear name:
This Christ was ALL of Christmas and
this one fact remains,
We celebrate OUR Christmas because the
Christ Child came.

WE WISH OUR FRIENDS AND
CUSTOMERS IN ST. ALBERT A

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



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When Christmas comes to Canada this year and years to come, I know there will be Christmas trees and holly wreaths and fun. The winter stars will glisten and sleigh bells will ring out, while streets and lanes re-echo with a "Merry Christmas" shout.

But still I sit and wonder as Christmas time draws near, with Christmas candles glowing and gifts and Christmas cheer, have we forgotten something that ought to be most dear? Or will Christ be in our Christmas in Canada this year?

I've extracted this poem, written by a 17 year old Saskatchewan girl, and published in the Western Producer in 1955, because I think it sums up the thoughts of a lot of people. Teenagers, as well as adults, clergy and polite society in general, often wonder if they are observing this festive season as it was meant to be observed.

At a wedding, the spotlight is on the bride and groom. Not for one moment do people consider themselves or the rest of the world -- only the bridal couple. Why then, at Christmas, do people disregard Christ, when after all, it is His birthday we celebrate. His coming we rejoice?

Do people forget that Christmas is that day set aside for Christ's remembrance? Each individual would deny it emphatically. But deep down, don't you admit that the moments for remembering Him were few and far between? When asked, "Did you put Christ into Christmas?", don't you hastily say yes and quietly resolve that tomorrow or next week or next year, you will get around to reading Matthew or going to a church service. Oh, it's easy to forget Christ at Christmas with the excitement of holidays (from school), exams over, relatives coming or a trip somewhere, shopping, hinting to Santa Claus, working to earn money

Merry Christmas & happy
New Year to all our friends
S. L. Thirup

For gifts, it's easy to forget. There are Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve parties to attend, resolutions to make, and later break. When the church says, "Put Christ into Christmas", are they asking us to give up all that? Are they asking me to treat December 25 like any January or any other birthday? Just what does Christmas symbolize?

By reading the book of Luke in the Bible we see what the purpose of Christmas was in the year zero. But what should it be in 1962? What is it in 1962?

Our family has some traditions, rituals that year after year we perform. These "togetherness" activities put more into Christmas than we'll ever realize. Just after the Hallowe'en excitement and candy is gone, the little ones cut links from colored construction paper, to be peated together to form a chain. The chain contains one link for each day re-

Merry Christmas & happy
New Year to friends &
neighbors. From
Mrs. Straloff & family

maining before Christmas. After supper each night, great ceremony is made of the cutting of the link for that day. In this way, kiddies need not ask how many days until Christmas.

On Christmas eve, our family has a quiet party, opening the gifts from each other. Before the big moment though, all the lights are turned out and only candles light the manger scene set up near the tree. This ceremony fills a dual purpose. Not only does Christ enter into the hearts of us all, but a quiet serene atmosphere is created. The excitement, awe, hubbub and hysteria subside, and just for a few moments we all relax. Then Christmas has really begun! With a few small toys from brothers and sisters, everyone is content to sleep happily to a decent hour on Christmas morning. I knew a family that made a ceremony of carrying lighted candles through each room of the darkened house. This parade was accompanied by Christmas carols, or if the mother was soaked just a little, the story of Christ's birth tenderly told.

Do you have some ritual that yearly is a part of Christmas? Such little things, yet in the minds of children, so much. With Christmas approaching so near, don't you think we'd all better do some honest soul-searching and decide just how much we'll let Christ into His day?

ABOUT THE COVER



Willem Netelenbos, Jr., who designed the front page for this Christmas issue of the Gazette. He has tried to show that even in modern form, the old words still hold true.

"And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

FROM THE STAFF AND
MANAGEMENT, TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
AND CUSTOMERS A



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CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEAR SERVICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dec. 24 11:45 Midnight Mass
Dec. 25 7:30, 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m.
Dec. 30 7:30, 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH

Dec. 24 9 p.m. Joint service with St. Albert Baptist Church. Communion.
Dec. 30 9:45 a.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Dec. 24 9 p.m. Joint service at the St. Albert United Church.
Dec. 30 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Regular Sunday services at 10 a.m.

ANGLICAN MISSION

Dec. 24 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Dec. 26 11 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. Carol service.

Wishing You One and All
A Very Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

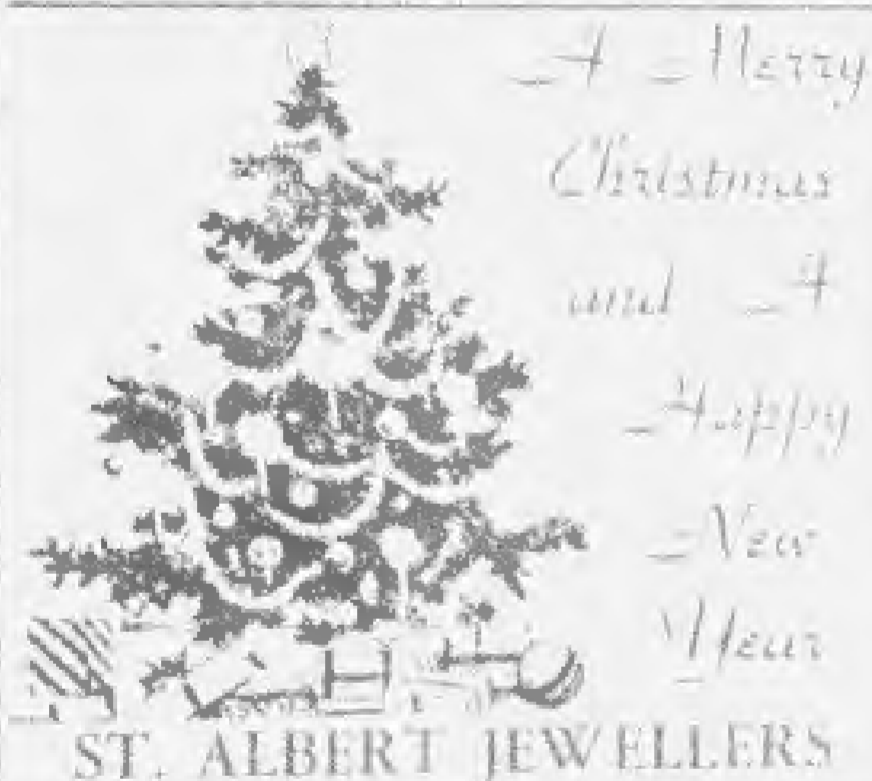
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A MERRY XMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
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SCHOOL HOOP NEWS

Friday, December 14th, was a disappointing night for both players and fans, as the two St. Albert basketball teams went down to defeat against Salisbury, 25 - 90.

In the girls game, Denise Joyal was 16th scorer for St. Albert with 8 points. In the boys game, St. Albert, showing a strong defence but a weak offense, held the lead at the half 14 - 11. Salisbury then came back with a few quick baskets, and despite many attempts at the basket, St. Albert couldn't quite catch them. Top scorers of the game were Bob Halpern of Salisbury, with 11 points, Larry Petherbridge and Benny Schroeder of St. Albert, with 8 and 5 points respectively.

M.L.A. TO TAKE SURVEY

North-South, M.L.A. for St. Albert, plans a survey in the near future to determine:

1. If the citizens of the town wish a signal store.

2. Choice of location between downtown St. Albert and Grandin Shoppers Park. Mr. Everitt has asked the Alberta Liquor Control Board to hold up present plans until the wishes of the people are obtained. It is sincerely hoped that any campaigns prior to the survey will be discouraged.

Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year to all friends
and customers
Royal Shoes
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OPEN HOUSE

The Mayor and Councillors of the Town of St. Albert have invited us, as residents of this town, to an Open House at the Town Hall, on Sunday, January, 6, 1963, from 2 to 5 p.m. They would like to meet as many residents as possible, to help improve the co-operation and understanding between our council and citizens. We urge our fellow citizens to attend this Open House and exchange New Years greetings with our Council.

ST. ALBERT
BRIDGE CLUB

by Shirley Holman, Public Relations
The St. Albert Duplicate Bridge Club held its Christmas Tournament on Sunday evening in the Community Hall. Ten tables, or forty people, turned out to make this our best night to date. A fine evening of bridge was enjoyed by all with some very interesting hands played. Prizes were awarded for the top score to Mr. and Mrs. King, who had 97x points, or 91x. Second prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, with 82x, or 74x. A hidden score prize was won by G. Daiman and S. Wiersma. This prize was a beautifully decorated pair of wooden shoes, used as candle holders.

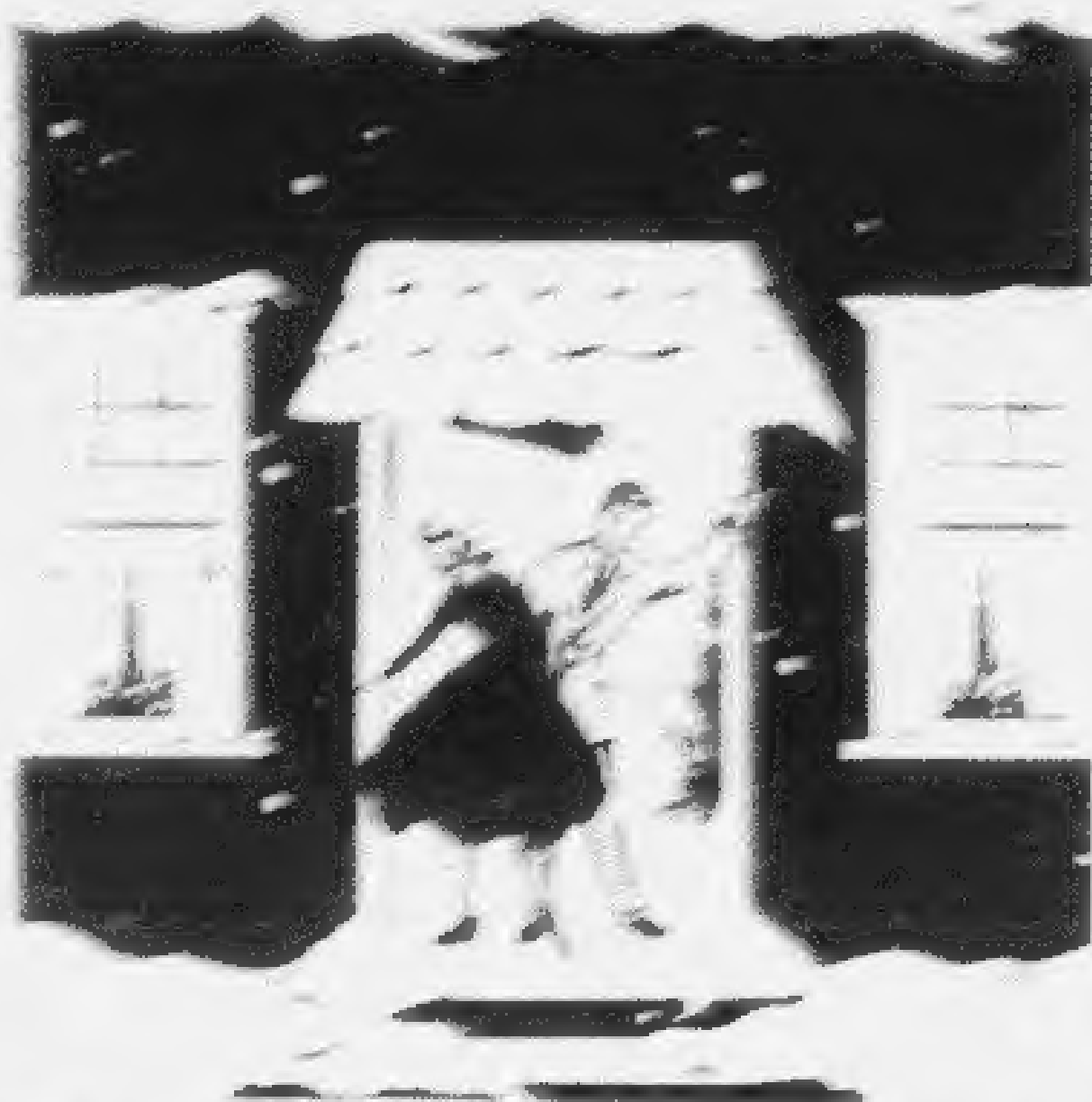
A potted mar plant was presented by the club to Mr. and Mrs. Netelenbos as a small token of appreciation for all their long hours and hard work they have put into the organization of the club, and without whom, there would be no club. A delicious lunch, prepared by Mrs. Holman, was on hand for the players, who served themselves between tables, which is the custom in Duplicate Bridge Clubs. The club championship will be held sometime in January, open pairs championship, ladies pairs, men's pairs and a team of four.

We hope also in the early part of the new year, to invite some of the other duplicate bridge clubs, for a challenging evening.

We would like to wish to all the members of our club, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND A MASTER POINT OR TWO THIS COMING YEAR.

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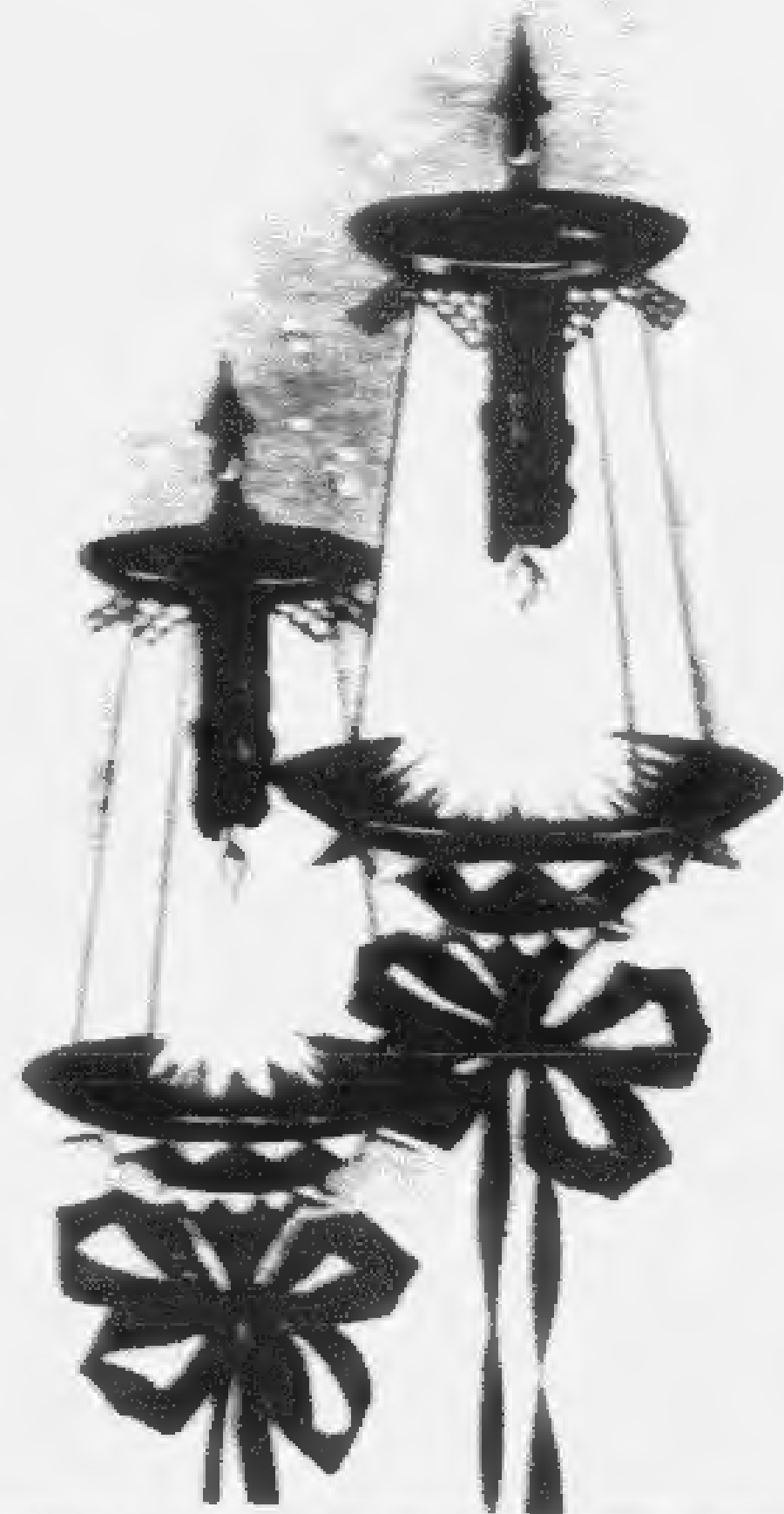
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and Happy Christmas and New Year

THE STAFF AT

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Bright and Joyous
New Year



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NEW YEAR TO ALL THE CITIZENS
OF ST. ALBERT & DISTRICT



ST. ALBERT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



SEASON'S
GREETINGS

... to all our friends and
patrons. May this Christmas
season bring happiness to you
and yours.

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CONCERT

as told by Mrs. Louise Belcourt.

On the site where the Grotto now stands, was the big school. It was a large log building, with two rooms downstairs, divided by a sort of partition made of big doors. Upstairs there were two more rooms, then used as dormitories for boys and girls who boarded there while attending school. Some came from as far away as Calgary. Other children attending the school lived at home, or in the case of many orphans, were cared for in the convent. A big spruce tree was brought in for a Christmas Tree. There were no decorations to be bought in those days, so the good sisters, aided by the children, made them. There were many little flowers, made out of colored tissue paper. Pretty gold and silver paper was cut into stars and wreaths. "I remember how proud I was because they let me cut out stars of gold paper". The tree looked beautiful. "We were not allowed to put candles on it, though, because of the danger of fire." There were little dolls for all the small girls, with soft rag bodies and china heads, hands and feet. The girls with the aid of the sisters, dressed them in the long full skirts of the day, with little bonnets and round capes fastened at the neck by a button. The sisters made nice aprons to be given to

the older girls as prizes. Apparently the boys didn't fare quite so well. There were some peppermint sticks and balls eyes, and the sisters gave some books to the boys who read well. A few got whistles "not too many, because they would have made too much noise!" When the great day came, the children put on quite a program, in both French and English. There were songs and recitations, and prizes were given, and there was even a play. "I was in that, just one of the children - it was about a little orphan girl with a wicked stepmother, who chased all the other children away - but they came back, and made so much noise with their singing that she couldn't be heard any more." Then the good Bishop Grandin gave out all the presents and prizes from the tree. When he came to his little god daughter (Mrs. Belcourt's sister, now Amelia Junningham), he reached over and picked up a prize she made up the sisters and gave it to her as a special gift.

Note: Mrs. Belcourt, nee Louise Rowland was born in St. Albert in 1878. Her grandfather was a R.B.C. officer at Fort Pitt, where Lloydminster now stands. She has many memories of the time of the Riel Rebellion, and of the very early days of the settlement.

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Happy New Year

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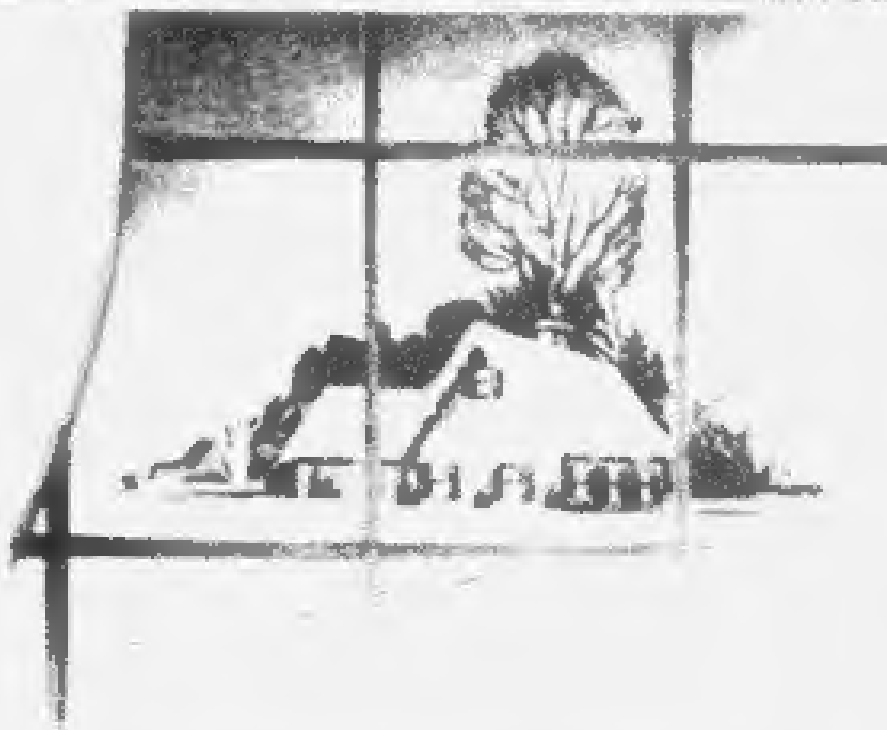
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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THELMA AND KEITH EVERITT

ST. ALBERT W. I.

The Women's Institute held their last meeting of the year on December 18. There were 23 members and 3 guests present.

Due to the difficulty of sterilizing, and the fear of spreading infectious germs, the vapourizers will not be purchased as part of our hospital equipment as was announced some time ago. One mattress was purchased instead, to support the Health Unit's undertaking of a pre-natal clinic for which they receive no financial aid.

Mrs. C. Laderoute presented Mrs. L. Adam with an A.W.I. cup and saucer for past service and a wonderful job as president. Mrs. L. Adam presented Mrs. A. Blagale with an A.W.I. spoon for 2 years as a very good treasurer.

The position of President and Treasurer and 2 Directors were to be filled, they are as follows:

President: Mrs. G. Dalman
Treasurer: Mrs. A. Swane
Directors: Mrs. E. Arseneau
Mrs. T. Barry

This now leaves the position of Secretary to be filled.

A game of whist was played. Mrs. R. Rouault obtained high score prize, and Mrs. E. Wellar, low score prize. There was an exchange of gifts, followed by a lovely lunch.

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a Merry Christmas
the very best of all
-incerely Mary
Mrs. G. Dalman*

*To all our friends +
neighbors a Merry Christmas
+ Happy New Year
-incerely Mary
Mrs. G. Dalman*

*We wish our
all a Merry Xmas
and Happy New Year
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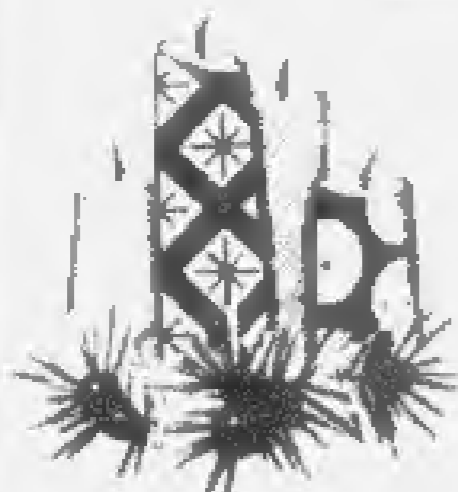
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SKATING ON THE RIVER

There were no rinks in St. Albert in the days around the time of the first World War. Then, as now, people loved to skate and since there were not nearly so many other attractions, skating became a family affair. Every winter Sunday, great numbers of people gathered to skate on the Sturgeon River. An old man, whose name Mr. Perron does not remember, made a six foot scraper to which he harnessed his team, and cleared the snow from a long stretch of the river in a strip 12 feet wide. Perron's house stood very close to the river and on a fine Sunday

people flocked there to change to their skates. He told us that on the ground floor of the family home in his father's time, there was the traditional small parlor, used only one a year and on ceremonial occasions. There was, of course, a kitchen, but the main room of the house and the largest, was the big living-dining room. He has seen that room, in his case, a very large one, with the walls simply lined with shoes, all around, while the owners disported themselves on the river, men, women and children.

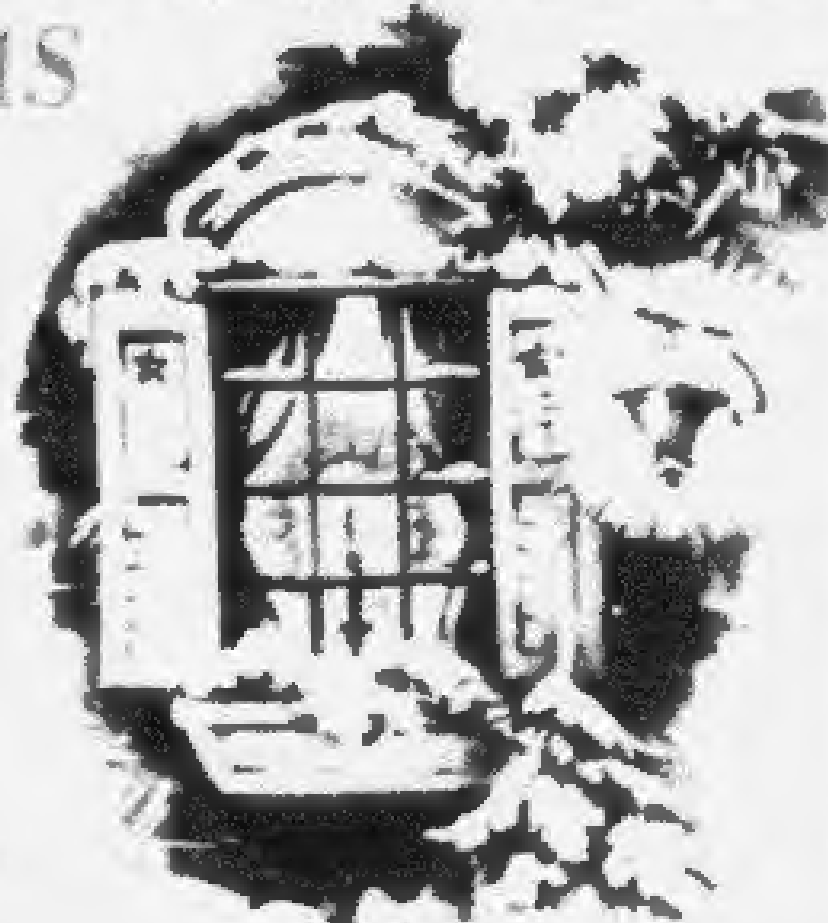
CHRISTMAS PAST

— told to Mary Usher

Few places in Alberta afford the opportunity for priceless glimpses into the past. St. Albert is one of those few. Here reside some of the original families who settled this district. Here reside senior members of the community who were born here long before the turn of the century. Many curious histories of the early days have been compiled, and very

interesting they are, but we, and particularly our children, are curious about little things — things which gave life its zest in those days. Here, as told by some of our pioneers and their descendants, are a few tales which help to bring life in the earlier days of our district closer to us — to show it was alive.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. ALBERT



Father Chevlier, O.P.,
St. Albert Roman Catholic Church

For nearly a month, the Christmas trees have appeared in the marketplace. During all that time, the stores were filled with decorations and gifts, signs of so-called Christmas cheer. Premature Christmas carols were vulgarized through out the penitential season of Advent. All this anticipation of the real Christmas joy might be our modern way to prepare. It served the purpose of the businessmen, we must try to believe it has also helped our deep preparation. Hope to appreciate more and more the Joy and Peace that Jesus has brought to men of good will.

The first is of course, the main attraction of this feast, but even the Christmas tree may lead us to a good meditation. Scattered all over there are thousands of fir trees that remain such because their branches are unadorned and there are no lights to transform them into towers of beauty.

In the same way, there are many Christians on Christmas Night who are similar to these thousands of fir trees growing on the slope of many mountains. Because these Christians did not prepare, their lives do not glisten with the ornaments of virtues. They remain what they were before the Advent of Christ.

On the other hand, there are many thousands of fir trees which have been transformed into Christmas trees. Their branches are weighted down with ornaments and decorations; myriad lights glow amid their green bosoms. There are the Christians who have come into contact with Christ. Only those who prepared for the "Light of the World" are now illuminated by him.

The tinsel and ornaments adorning a fir tree make it no ordinary tree, but a Christmas tree, because the ornaments are symbolic of joy at the birth of Christ. Such joy is an intangible thing. We cannot see it or lay hold of it.

Likewise, God loves us. But love, like joy, is intangible and difficult to show. Thus while we acknowledge God in visible form, we may through him be drawn to the love of things invisible.

All of which means that we should look at the Body of Christ as a sign of the invisible, but real, love which God has for us. Transformed and illuminated by this love, we can sing out: "Let the heavens rejoice", and appreciate that Peace that Christ brought for us.

Merry Christmas to all of
our Gazette customers
from
Patty & Family



Dr. E. R. Schwarz,
St. Albert United Church

A cynic might ask, "Why bother with Christmas?" and then proceed to pass the season with a sour disposition because of the joy of others. Other non-Christians might find a superficial pleasure in the season through their participation in the parties that seem to abound, or in receiving a multiplicity of gifts. The greatest joys in the season, however, are for the Christian. The Christian celebrates the birth of Jesus, the Christ. The event that ended centuries of waiting by the Hebrews for a "teacher", a "guide", a "leader", a "messiah", who could and would aid them in returning to a right relationship with God. Depending upon one's background this restored relationship is given many names. The term "saved", of questionable value in the minds of some, has real merit here. Jesus, the Christ, came to restore men to fellowship with God by "saving" them from being slaves to nature or their "animalness". He came to "save" men from the fear of death, and He came to "save" men from their own sinfulness. This has continued to our own day. Thus the person who has "met and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Master", and in bondage to him found freedom from sin, has the deepest and most significant reason for feeling joy in this season. A prayer that should be in the hearts of all during the Christmas season is that all men might come to share in this joy.

Best wishes to all
St. Albert citizens
Fr. Charnick & Family

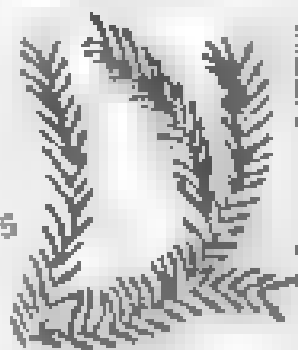
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Merry Christmas

A Happy New Year

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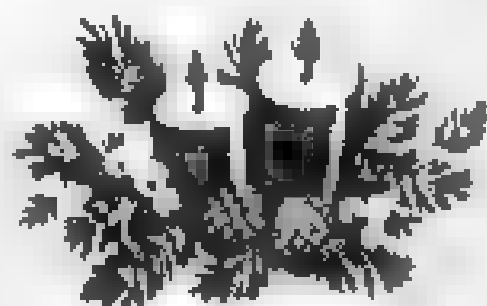


May the Joy and Peace
of Christmas
Be yours throughout the
New Year.

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New Year All friends,
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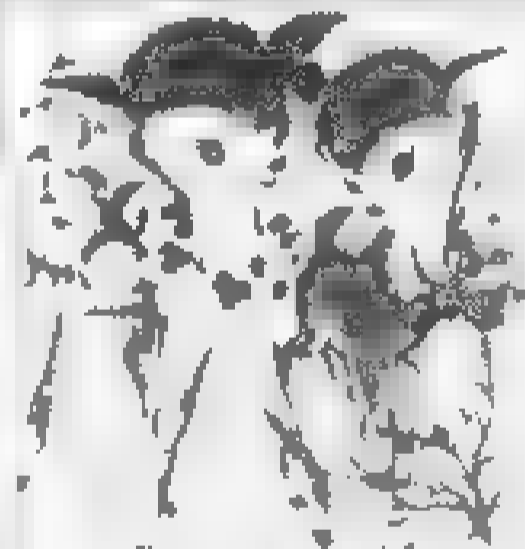
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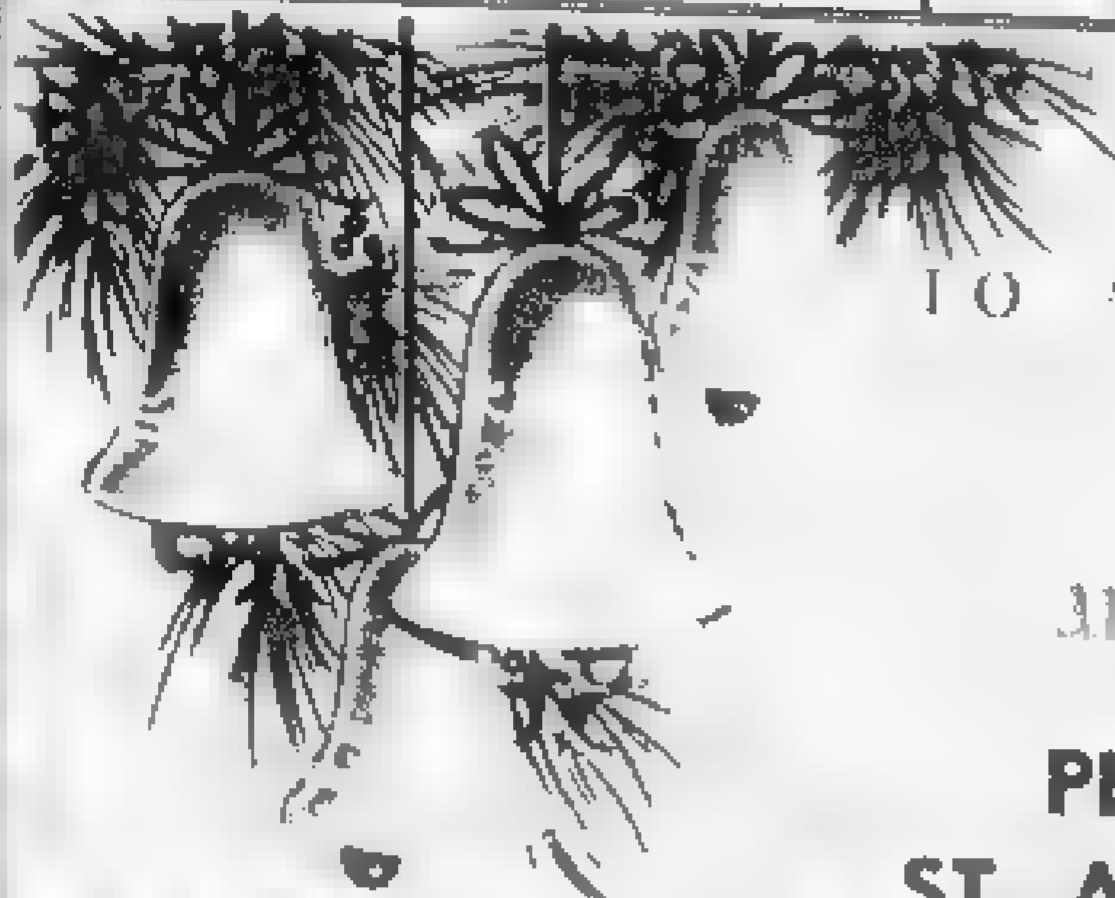
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and Happy New Year to
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fine day, when she was very tiny, was the first St. Patrick's Day Mass. At that time there were a total of six Irishmen in the whole district. Five of them were able to get to the Mass, coming from many miles. One was a Frenchman, a Frenchman with a fine voice who for some unknown reason, the Irish in honoring their patron saint, sounded much better because of his presence, recalls Miss Maloney. On another St. Patrick's Day, she was "happy grand". St. Albert was back before 1884, had a boy who practiced in a room in the convent in the boy's dormitory wing, and when St. Patrick's Day came, they were invited to play, and play they did, loud and long, such traditional Irish tunes as "Glen Go

Belcourt and Miss Maloney tell that the children used to run to meet him. "My sister and I each had a doll, with a china head" recalls Miss Maloney. "I liked hers best because its head was yellow while mine was black. One day, when we were quite young, a neighbour woman needed mother's help, and when she was better, gave mother a sheepskin in return, which was made into a rug for one of the boys." When the two little girls were very young, they were earnestly giving her a "permanent wave". The doll's head was made of tin, and they were from the neck of the sheep skin, while Mary was a doll with a "permanent wave".

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Note: Miss Maloney was born in St. Albert district in 1884. Her father first came to the area in 1860 from near Winnipeg. Tired of being flooded out, he sought a homestead on the prairie and he could find, some 8 miles northwest of St. Albert. Later, to provide school for his children, he bought land some two miles from the Mission. In those days, according to Miss Maloney, St. Albert was the Mission. Where downtown now is located was called "the Bridge". Miss Maloney also has a great fund of stories of the early days around the Mission.



TO OUR MANY
FRIENDS &
CUSTOMERS

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There have been some misunderstandings regarding the distribution of the paper. All the money goes to the paper boys, as for "comm." there is no charge for the paper.

"Merry Christmas"

AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

TO OUR NEW CUSTOMERS
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CLEANERS**



BOWLING

Bussches Market Garden 24, Town & Country
32, Goodkey's variety 30, St. Albert
Lovers 29, Souleakers 21.

The Town Council should do something about this situation other than giving vague promises which are not fulfilled to our satisfaction. If this unpleasant situation continues and property is being ruined, cannot the local R.C.M.P. be called to investigate and find out to whom the dogs causing the damage belong.

Braeside Resident

CHRISTMAS FARE

Both Miss Maloney and Mrs. Belmont remember the Christmas dinners which were served, but the menus they remembered were different. Miss Maloney's was: "Not your hamburger, but the best cuts of the beef, chopped fine were served. Huge plum puddings were made, and the children were given a lot of the same. Mrs. Belmont remembers great roast dinners, also with huge plum puddings. The raisins were my job. I was mused, because they came 'in bunches tied right on the stem'. Later raisins were bought in sticky blocks of twenty pounds. Sweet could always be obtained, for the settlers butchered their own beef

In lean years, doughnuts were a standby, because, as the Salvation Army Lassies found out in World War 1, they could always be made if you had flour, sugar and salt. Among the Scotch, English and Irish settlers, Christmas was a day of religious observance, and the main merry-making took place at New Years'.

CHRISTMAS TIME AROUND THE WORLD

tries. Christmas Day
In French Canada, and many other European countries, people look forward to the Midnight Mass Christmas Eve. In Canada and the United States, the bringer of gifts is Santa Claus, in Ireland he is known as Father Christmas.

Then they visit from house to house to see how it is.

In England, red berries, along with the Englishman's centre of English festival is the yule log blazing in the fire. In Irish cottages, Christmas shine in the green. On still dark, early was

tree with toys or St. Nicholas brings presents on December 5. If the children are farm children, they put wooden shoes under the fire for straw, water and a carrot for the horse. Christmas Day in a religious feast. Most of the people go to church, and in the afternoon, they put their Christmas tree with real lights and sing religious Christmas

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And, a nativity scene is the centre of the Christmas celebration. The gifts are brought by the Three Kings. In Greece, the children receive their gifts the first day of the New Year. In Mexico, most of the houses are decorated with lilies and evergreens. But despite all the different ways of observing Christmas throughout the world, we are all celebrating the same thing - the birth of Christ.

From Our Readers

Dear Sir,
It is absolutely disgusting that we have some people in St. Albert who have no regard for other people's property. We say this because people let their dogs run loose and do not seem to care what damage the dogs do to neighbours' property. We feel that these people should be penalized for letting their dogs damage property.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS
AND STAFF

OF THE TOWN
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WISH ALL THE CITIZENS

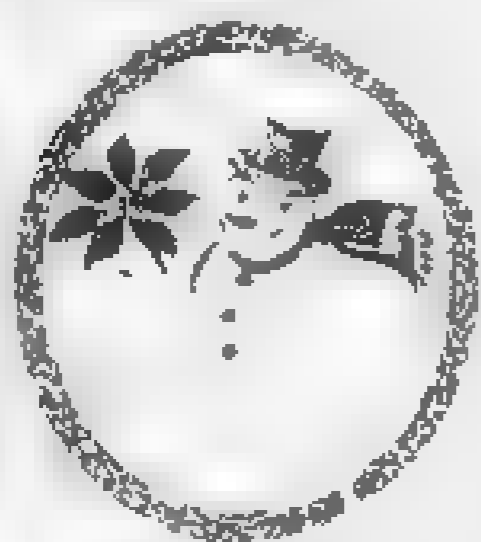
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY 1965



Merry Christmas

To all our friends
and customers
and every Good Wish
for the New Year

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DICK'S PLUMBING
& HEATING



Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

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vided by the Alberta Safety Council. This course, which is designed to promote child safety and parents' peace of mind, was divided into five sections. Ethics of Baby Sitting, which was given by Mr. Blackie, Mrs. Bonnyville, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Mockford; Child Care, given by Mrs. Jean McIntyre and Mrs. Joan Gates; First Aid, given by Mrs. Ford and Miss Mary; Fire, given by Fire Chief Tetlow; and Home Safety, by Mrs. Blackie and Mrs. Kelly.

At the conclusion of the course, there was a written examination. The examination was held on Tuesday, and the results were given out at the graduation ceremony, at the home of Mrs. Kelly.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to the ladies who had assisted in the course.

At the meeting,

at the home of Mrs. Kelly.

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*A Merry
Christmas*

*to Our
Customers and
Friends*

From the
MANAGEMENT and STAFF

H.H. ARCADE

FIRE FREE HOLIDAYS



SEASON'S COMPLIMENTS

TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF ST. ALBERT & DISTRICT

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF ST. ALBERT & DISTRICT

BRUIN HOTEL

N. KALYNCHUK, MANAGER

From The Management and
Staff To All Our Friends
And Customers!

Merry Christmas

and A "Happy New Year"

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



ANGUS MAC DONALD and DONALD MAC DONALD
SERVICE STATION on HIGHWAY 2 PHONE 599-6202

Merry Christmas

KRESGE'S

WESTMOUNT

SHOPPERS' PARK

1. When going out, make sure you leave your children in care of a capable baby-sitter.

2. Never leave your Christmas tree lit up when no one is in the house.

3. Check for any dropped cigarette butts on the rug or behind the cushions of the chesterfield or soft chairs, after company leaves.

This done, you can safely retire and be there to see another day.

It should be remembered that only with your close co-operation and help, can the Fire Department keep up the good record of a fire free town. If there is anything you are not sure about regarding fire prevention during Christmas holidays or any other time, feel free to call the Fire Department.

THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT A FIRE IS TO STOP IT BEFORE IT STARTS.

With all this in mind, the Fire Department wishes all the citizens in St. Albert a Merry Christmas and a Fire Free 1963.

How West Escaped Strife

By Alan Macdonald

It took real men to win the Canadian West. In their story there is faith in God, obedience to duty, courage and humor in danger's face, fairness of mind, ingenuity in difficulties, and the will to triumph over adversity.

Such qualities are those we should wish for our sons and daughters—so perhaps it might profit us to turn back time's pages.

One may begin with a little dark-eyed, dark-skinned, lively and sturdy hawthorn lad with a bit of Ojibway Indian blood in his French veins. He was to live most of his eighty years in the West and was to give his name to a community not far from here—Lacombe.


The black-robed Voyageurs were here very early—even if they were a long time behind the traders. The men of God were here long, long before the North West Mounted Police and by their character and their devoted service to the red men, they earned for white men in the Canadian West a prestige among the Indians which white men never deserved or earned in the Western United States.

Father Lacombe was on the Prairies by 1850, bearing with humor and cheerful energy his Oblate vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

One hundred and eight years ago he wintered at Edmonton House with factor John Rowand and watched the Blackfoot and the Crees come in to trade. At that time and for a few years more, the HBC still sold rum to the Indians. The Blackfoot was much fiercer and tougher than his traditional enemy, the Cree. Accordingly, when selling liquor, Edmonton House officials cut the Cree's rum with three parts of water, but the Blackfoot's rum was cut with seven parts. By 1860, the missionaries had persuaded the HBC to stop selling liquor to the Indians.

The Lac Ste. Anne settlement was fifty miles west of Edmonton—a mission to the Metis, the Scottish Indian and French Indian families who had served their time with the fur company and turned to farming. It was also a mission for Crees who kept away from

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EATON'S

wishes you
and yours a

Merry Christmas

and a
Happy New Year

the Blackfoot nation whose nearest permanent camp area was not far from the present City of Red Deer.

Lac Ste. Anne had an abundance of fish, timber and good soil. But life there soon grew too settled and quiet for Father Lacombe. With Bishop Tache's blessing he founded St. Albert in 1861. Soon there were good log houses around his little church and his flock was growing potatoes, carrots and grain. Tiring of slogging through mud and water in trips to Edmonton House, he organized his Metis and Indians and soon had in place the first bridge built west of Fort Garry. It was not Hudson's Bay policy to allow bridges in the West—such signs of comfort and advancing civilization were bad for the fur trade. Soon he even had a rough flour mill built—powered by rebellious Indian cayuses and sometimes by plodding oxen.

As life became organized and comfortable at St. Albert, the little priest who had mastered the Cree and Blackfoot languages yearned for more active missionary work among the wilder and pagan Blackfoot tribes south of the North Saskatchewan River. The Blackfoot Indians wanted him among them too, for they had met the dynamic little man in the long black robe when trading at Edmonton House; when sorely stricken by epidemic scarlet fever they sent for him to minister to them. They urged that he come with a white flag with a Red Cross upon it so he would be recognized even by strange bands of their people.

To the Cree he was Kamiyo-Atchakwe—the Man of the Beautiful Soul; to the Blackfeet he was Arsoua-Kitsirapi—the Man of the Good Heart.

For six years from 1863 onward, he tramped and rode and snowshoed the Alberta plains and parklands south from Edmonton House. On the trail he wore his robe tied up around his waist to free his leather-trousered legs for the many miles.

When he first left the comforts of the settlement on January 11, 1863, with one Metis friend for company, he had four dogs, one toboggan, buffalo robes, blankets, an axe and dried meat for men and dogs. So equipped, he struck out for the Red Deer River and one glimpses the man when he writes of that day: "There was a sweet zephyr blowing—and the temperature must have been 40 degrees below zero."

Thus, with his guides taking turns on snowshoes to break trail, Lacombe happily set out to live among the plains Indians, leaving to less venturesome spirits the snug comfort and the safe routine of the established settlements.

This became a typical day for him in the teepee of a tribe, up early for devotions, teaching some fifty squaws over the squalling of their papoose in the morning hours; teaching the boys of the tribe in the afternoon; and then in the evening hours, if the bucks were back from the hunt, holding very formal and dignified services for the braves alone—solemn this time (for the Indian loves ritual), then smoking an evening pipe with the men before rolling into his buffalo robes on the floor.

The Hudson's Bay men like Rowand, Christie and Hardisty and men of God like Lacombe, and Rees, Woossey and Bunde of the Wesleyan Church, and the Reverend George McDougall who died in a blizzard while ministering to the Indians—these men gave the white man a reputation for courage and character that passed from tribe to tribe among the Indians of the



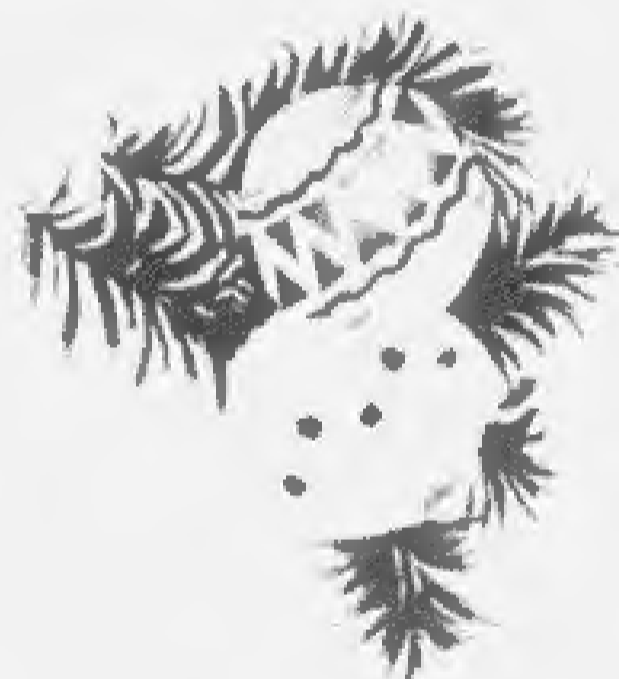
*A Merry Christmas Season
and a Happy New Year!*



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Alberta Plains. They helped the North West Mounted Police to bring law and order to the plains—for they had won from the red warriors a respect for white men which made everything else possible.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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SHOP AT YOUR FRIENDLY

SAFEWAY

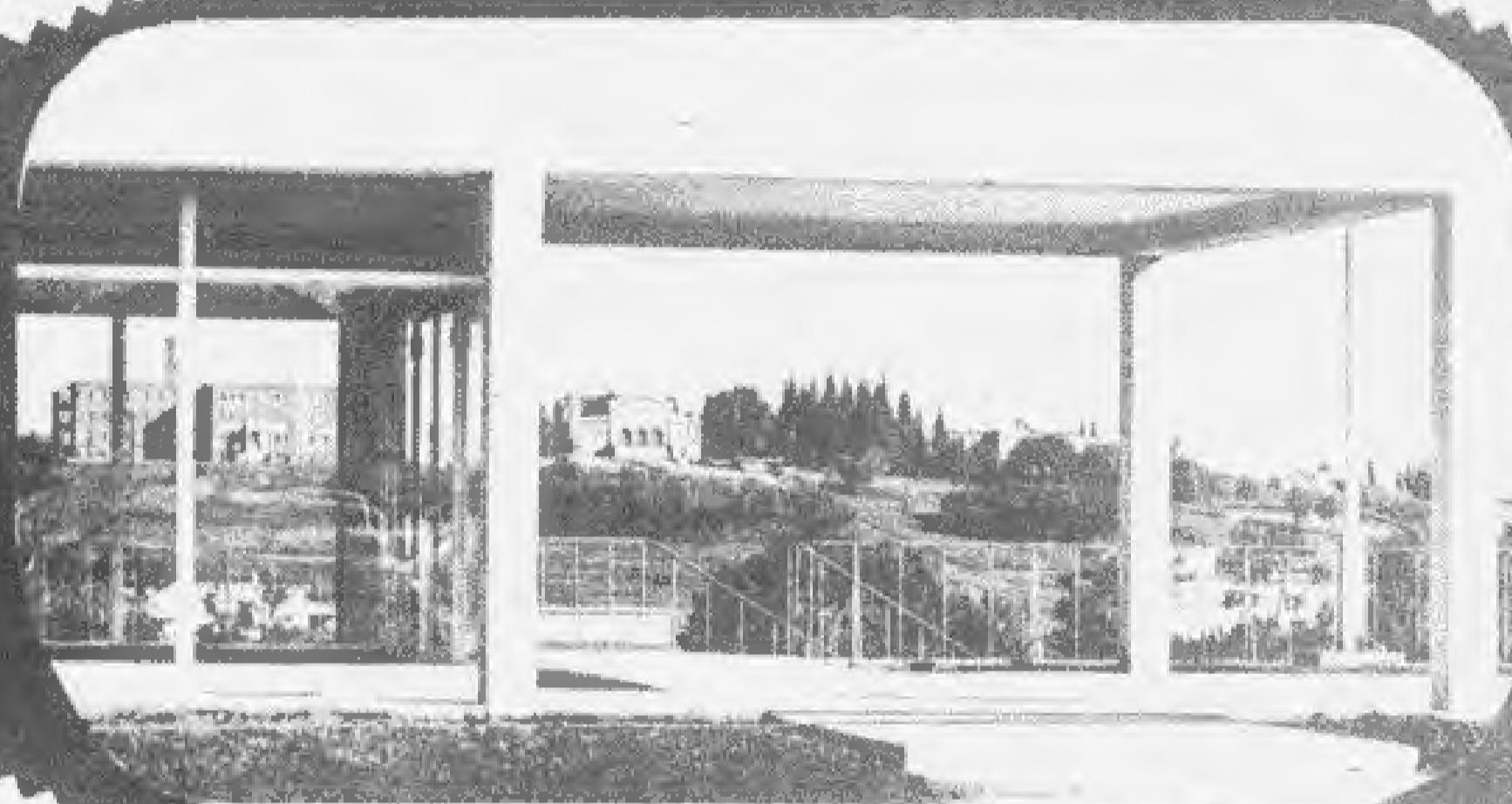


*This is not the Sturgeon River. This
is the intersection of Piron and St.*

*Michael Streets at the height of the
flash flood which occurred last July.
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